SERMON OUTLINE Philippians 2:1-5 and Various Texts

This Is Grace - What We Believe, Teach, and Do

THE GOSPEL

God *(Genesis 1:1; Psalm 103:19; Psalm 88:14; Isaiah 33:22)*

Man *(Genesis 1:26; Romans 3:23)*

Christ *(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18)*

Response *(Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9)*

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

God *(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

The Bible *(2 Timothy 3:16)*

The Human Condition *(Genesis 6:5)*

Jesus Christ *(Acts 4:12)*

The Work of Christ *(Acts 4:12)*

The Holy Spirit *(John 14:16)*

The Church *(Acts 20:28)*

Christian Living *(1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)*

Christ's Return *(Hebrews 9:27-28)*

Response and Eternal Destiny *(Romans 2:6-8)*

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

In an attempt to help us all obey Paul's command to be of one mind, this sermon explains some of what defines us as a church—both doctrinally and practically. My main aim in doing so is to more firmly establish us in the truths of God so that we might live out our faith with greater confidence, clarity, joy, and unity.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. If your neighbor were to ask you what your church, Grace Church, is all about, what would you tell them?
3. What is the gospel? Do you know of a single verse in the Bible that captures the gospel well?
4. Which element of the gospel do you wish you could explain and defend better?
5. Were you surprised by any of the clauses in our doctrinal statement? Which one was clearest and fuzziest for you?
6. Is there anything you would add to the doctrinal statement? Is there anything you would subtract?
7. Which clause in the doctrinal statement would you like to know more about?
8. What truth that was covered in the sermon is hardest for you to live in light of on a consistent basis?
9. What is one thing that you are most thankful for at Grace Church? What is one thing you hope God will strengthen (and how can you help with that)?
10. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

11. Download and use the Fighter Verse app on your phone to memorize Scripture.
12. Commit to a Bible reading plan that will help you read the entire Bible and ask someone to join you.
13. Practice sharing the gospel with someone in your DG. See if you can do it in less than 3 minutes.
14. Pray for and share the good news of Jesus with one non-Christian this week.
15. Read over the EFCA doctrinal statement that Pastor Dave linked in his sermon. Pick one clause to look up the verses.
16. Begin reading through Ecclesiastes in preparation for Pastor Dave's next sermons.
17. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
18. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

19. Adoration. Praise God that He is creator, king, righteous, and judge. Praise God that He is holy, perfect, eternal, love, triune, omniscient, sovereign, gracious, and glorious beyond measure. Praise God that He is personal and kind.
20. Confess. Confess any ways you have failed to live consistently with the truths shared today. Confess any ways you've sowed seeds of disunity in your home or church. Confess any ways you've sinned by failing to do that which God commands.
21. Thanksgiving. Thank God for the gospel, for the grace to believe and live in light of it, the person who first shared it with you, and the people in your life who most encourage you in it right now. Thank God for the EFCA and the good work they do to strengthen and support healthy churches. Thank God for every church you can think of that is one mind in these things.
22. Supplication. Ask God to strengthen our church in godly doctrine, character, and practice. Ask God to grant us increasing measures of unity through those things. Ask God to help our church grow stronger in 2025 and to allow you to be a part of it.

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